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ANGOLAN MISSION HAS REQUESTED AND UN HAS CIRCULATED
NETO STATEMENT TO DIPLOMATIC CORPS FEBRUARY 24 (ALREADY
POUCHED DEPARTMENT, IO/UNP-TEFFT), WITH FOLLOWING COVERING
LETTER:

QUOTE

THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC
OF ANGOLA TO THE UNITED NATIONS PRESENTS HIS COMPLIMENTS
TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND HAS THE
HONOUR TO ENCLOSE HERewith COPY OF A STATEMENT MADE ON
24 FEBRUARY 1977 BY COMRADE AGOSTINHO NETO, PRESIDENT OF
THE MPLA AND OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA, TO
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS ACCREDITED IN
LUANDA.

THE STATEMENT RELATES TO ACTS OF PROVOCATION AGAINST
THE SECURITY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF ANGOLA ALONG ITS
SOUTHERN AND NORTHERN BORDERS. IN PARTICULAR, THE STATEMENT
DRAWS ATTENTION TO THE UNHAPPY SITUATION WITH ZAIRE WHICH
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CONTINUES TO SERVE AS A BASE FOR THE PERPETRATION OF
AGGRESSIVE ACTS AGAINST THE PEOPLE AND STATE OF ANGOLA.
IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE STATEMENT OF PRESIDENT NETO WAS
MADE TWO DAYS BEFORE THE VILLAGE OF PANGALA IN THE NORTHERN
PART OF ANGOLA WAS PILLAGED AND DESTROYED BY ARMED FORCES
FROM ZAIRE, AND WHICH RESULTED IN THE MASSACRE OF 43 INNOCENT
ANGOLAN CITIZENS AND THE WOUNDING OF 25 OTHERS.

THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE REQUESTS THAT THE STATEMENT
OF PRESIDENT NETO TOGETHER WITH THIS NOTE BE CIRCULATED TO
ALL MEMBER STATES AS AN OFFICIAL DOCUMENT.

THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC
OF ANGOLA TO THE UNITED NATIONS AVAILS HIMSELF OF THIS
OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED
NATIONS THE ASSURANCES OF HIS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

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